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Thank you for contacting me about the issue of bird hunting in Malta. I share your concerns about this practice and have worked on the issue in the European Parliament over a number of years.

In April last year I and a Labour colleague wrote to the European Commission on this issue, and I enclose the question and answer for your information.

Last month, I and other MEPs from different EU countries wrote to the European Commissioner for the Environment who is responsible for this issue. The Commission has regular contact with the Maltese authorities to improve their enforcement regime, but the letter made it clear that more must be done. This concern is rightly reflected in your email. We have cooperated in particular with BirdLife Malta on this matter, and if re-elected I will continue to apply pressure to make sure this results in concrete steps to prevent illegal hunting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda McAvan".

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